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MANCHESTER MAN SENTENCED FOR BANK ROBBERIES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AND VERMONT

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office for the Federal Bureau of Investigations Kenneth W. Kaiser, Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka, and Newmarket Police Chief Rodney C. Collins, today announced that Roderick Murray, 23, of Manchester, New Hampshire, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court to 57 months in prison and three years of supervised release after pleading guilty to three counts of bank robbery and one count of attempted bank robbery. The charges relate to the September 11, 2003, robbery of the Bank of New Hampshire at 2 South Beech Street, Manchester, New Hampshire, the September 23, 2003, attempted robbery of the Chittenden Bank, 100 Main Street, Brattleboro, Vermont, the September 23, 2003, robbery of BankNorth, 942 Putney Road, Brattleboro, Vermont, and the October 10, 2003, robbery of the Fleet Bank, Main Street, Newmarket, New Hampshire. Murray was further ordered to pay restitution to the banks.

On September 11, 2003, at approximately 11:30 a.m., Murray entered the Bank of New Hampshire, 2 South Beech Street, Manchester, New Hampshire, wearing a brown plaid shirt, blue jeans, white sneakers, and a royal blue baseball cap with a Nike logo. Murray went to a teller station and handed the teller a note that stated, "Please give me your money. Don't be stupid." The teller gave Murray approximately \$3,404.00 in United States currency.

On September 23, 2003, Murray entered the Chittenden Bank, 100 Main Street, Brattleboro, Vermont, at approximately 1:20 p.m., wearing a light colored quilted jacket and a baseball cap. Murray took a savings withdrawal slip from the customer service counter and wrote, "Give me the money. Don't be stupid." Murray handed the note to a teller. Murray abruptly left the bank when the teller hesitated in handing over the money.

Twenty minutes later, Murray entered the BankNorth branch located at 942 Putney Road, Brattleboro, Vermont. He went to a counter and wrote, "Give me the money. Don't be stupid"

on the back of a savings withdrawal slip. He handed the note to a teller and left the bank with approximately \$4,700.00.

On October 10, 2003, at approximately 3:52 p.m., Murray entered the Fleet Bank branch located on 140 Main Street, Newmarket, New Hampshire, wearing a gray baseball cap with a logo on the front and a gray and black flannel plaid shirt. Murray handed the teller a note which stated, "Give me the money. Don't be stupid." After getting approximately \$2,699.00 from the teller, the robber left the bank.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono applauded the efforts of the Manchester Police Department, the Newmarket Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in solving the case. U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "The citizens of New Hampshire are fortunate that their local, state and federal law enforcement agencies work so well with one another. It was a concerted effort at the local, state, and federal level that resulted in the quick investigation and prosecution of this defendant. When law enforcement works together, great results are achieved."

This case was prosecuted by Criminal Division Chief Don Feith.